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(i) considers that there are 4 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

(ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

1-36, 38-69

(iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

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3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-36,38-69

The first invention is directed to a method of making an active layer comprising a polymer and a volatile substance, the active layer being formed on a release liner; and to devices and patches comprising the active polymer layer on the release liner.

2. claim: 37

The second invention is directed to a method of making an active layer comprising a polymer and a volatile substance, the active layer being formed on a side of a breathable layer which controls the rate of delivery of the volatile substance, the opposite side of the breathable layer being covered at least in part by a release liner.

3. claims: 70-74

The third invention is directed to a patch comprising multiple release liners for delivering a volatile substance at a controlled rate, the patch comprising an active layer having a volatile substance, at least two release liner segments covering one side of the active layer and a barrier layer disposed on an opposite side of the active layer from the at least two release liner segments.

4. claims: 75-81

The fourth invention is directed to a reduced adhesion patch for delivering a volatile substance, the patch comprising an active layer having a volatile substance, a barrier layer attached to the active layer and a fractional adhesion layer adjacent to an apposite side of the barrier layer from the active layer.

In fact, the common concept linking the above mentioned inventions is the provision of products comprising an active layer for the delivery of volatile substances to the environment and methods of making such products comprising an active layer.

However, this common concept is not novel in view of the state of the art cited in the International Search Report (see for example documents WO-A-98 17 263, examples 1-2 or WO-A-01 52 823, examples 1-9).

Therefore, the above mentioned inventions do not have any "special technical feature" in common that defines a contribution which each of

the inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art (Rule 13.2 PCT).

Consequently, these inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept as required by Rule 13.1 PCT.

Annex Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
- see 'Invitation to pay additional fees'
2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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